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METHODS AND USE  
THEREOF

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**RESPONSE**

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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, designated as Paper No. 9 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-32 and 51, drawn to an array, classified in class 422, subclass 55;
- Group II. Claims 33-58, drawn to a method of producing an array, classified in class 436, subclass 528; and
- Group III. Claims 39-50, drawn to a method for detecting a binding event, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-32 and 51 for further prosecution in this application. Nonelected claims identified as Group II, claims 33-58 and Group III, claims 39-50 are hereby canceled, without prejudice to Applicant's right to present claims to the non-elected inventions in continuing applications. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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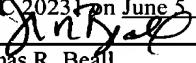
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